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SARBANES (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 5185

Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. SARBANES, for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. MIKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 3666, *supra*; as follows:

On page 104, below line 24, add the following:

SEC. 421. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by this Act, or any other Act enacted before the date of the enactment of this Act, may be used by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to relocate aircraft of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to Dryden Flight Research Center, California, for purposes of the consolidation of such aircraft.

THE ANTARCTIC SCIENCE TOURISM AND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1996

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 5186

Mr. BOND (for Mr. STEVENS) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1645), a bill to regulate U.S. scientific and tourist activities in Antarctica, to conserve Antarctic resources, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE III—POLAR RESEARCH AND POLICY STUDY

SEC. 301. POLAR RESEARCH AND POLICY STUDY.

Not later than March 1, 1997, the National Science Foundation shall provide a detailed report to the Congress on—

(1) the status of the implementation of the Antarctic Environmental Protection Strategy and Federal funds being used for that purpose;

(2) all of the Federal programs relating to Arctic and Antarctic research and the total amount of funds expended annually for each such program, including—

(A) a comparison of the funding for logistical support in the Arctic and Antarctic;

(B) a comparison of the funding for research in the Arctic and Antarctic;

(C) a comparison of any other amounts being spent on Arctic and Antarctic programs; and

(D) an assessment of the actions taken to implement the recommendations of the Arctic Research Commission with respect to the use of such funds for research and logistical support in the Arctic.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that S. 150, a bill to authorize an en-

trance fee surcharge at the Grand Canyon National Park and S. 340, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning equity regarding entrance, tourism, and recreational fees for the use of Federal lands and facilities have been deleted from the agenda of bills to be heard at the hearing scheduled before the Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Thursday, September 12, 1996, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce that a full committee hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Wednesday, September 18, 1996, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1920, a bill to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, and for other purposes, and S. 1998, a bill to provide for expedited negotiations between the Secretary of the Interior and the villages of Chickaloon-Moose Creek Native Association, Inc., Ninilchik Native Association, Inc., Seldovia Native Association, Inc., Tyonek Native Corporation, and Knikatu, Inc. regarding the Conveyances of certain lands in Alaska under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

Those who wish to testify or to submit written testimony should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Presentation of oral testimony is by committee invitation only. For further information, please contact Jo Meuse or Brian Malnak at (202) 224-6730.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider S. 1678, to abolish the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, at 11:30 a.m., to hold an executive business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing on "Teenage Drug Use: The Recent Upsurge."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, at 2 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT

• Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, the Senate passed the Small Business Job Protection Act, but I voted against the final bill. I ran for the Senate on a pro-growth and low-tax platform. This bill is a step in the wrong direction. I cannot vote for a bill that raises the minimum wage and thus closes opportunities for thousands of low-skill workers and that raises numerous taxes on the American people and businessmen. However, I will say a few words in support of certain provisions of H.R. 3448, which do, in fact, benefit the public interest.

The bill includes provisions that will contribute to increased savings, higher wages, and improved economic growth. These are three of our most important economic challenges, and, Mr. President, I wish to express my belief that provisions of this bill begin to address these issues.

I am a strong supporter of the expansion of tax-deferred individual retirement accounts [IRA's] to permit non-working spouses to establish an account and thus defer taxes on a maximum of \$2,000 per year. This homemaker IRA provision, which I have cosponsored as a separate bill, is an important tool for families and their efforts to plan for retirement. In fact, over 30 years at a 6 percent rate of return, the homemaker IRA can add close to \$150,000 to retirement savings.

The previous law limited a nonworking spouse to a \$250 maximum IRA contribution, and, as women often leave the work force to raise their families, the homemaker IRA will help to offset the effects of their smaller pensions. The homemaker IRA thus offers significant assistance to these spouses in their efforts toward a secure retirement.